

# FOLLOWING JESUS

## Part 1: TO JERUSALEM

### April 7, 2019

“(Jesus) said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”  
John 8:12 (NIV)

### THREE TRUTHS FROM THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

“As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” ... “This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”  
Mark 11:1-3 (NIV)/Matthew 21:4-5 (NIV)

“... the king said to them, “Take Solomon and my officials down to Gihon Spring. Solomon is to ride on my own mule. There Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet are to anoint him king over Israel. Blow the ram’s horn and shout, ‘Long live King Solomon!’  
1 King 1:33-34 (NLT)

“It laughs at fear and is unafraid. It does not run from the sword ... It paws the ground fiercely and rushes forward into battle when the ram’s horn blows.”  
Job 39:22,24 (NLT)

- **Donkey = The prophesied \_\_\_\_\_ coming in \_\_\_\_\_.**

“A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.”  
Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

“On the first day you are to take branches from luxuriant trees—from palms, willows and other leafy trees—and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.”  
Leviticus 23:40 (NIV)

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.”  
Revelation 7:9 (NIV)

- **Palm Branches = A \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.**

“The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ... “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”  
Matthew 21:9 (NIV)/Luke 19:38 (NIV)

“LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.”  
Psalms 118:25-26 (NIV)

- **Hosanna = \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Now the crowd that was with Him when He called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that He had performed this sign, went out to meet Him.”  
John 12:17-18 (NIV)

"So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after Him!" ... "Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!" "I tell you," He replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." John 12:19 (NIV)/Luke 19:39-40 (NIV)

"When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." Matthew 21:10-11 (NIV)

**1. JESUS IS THE PROPHESED \_\_\_\_\_ SENT BY GOD.**

"Pilate ... summoned Jesus and asked Him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" ... Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now My kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me." John 18:33-37 (NIV)

- **There are only \_\_\_\_\_ . I am a \_\_\_\_\_ of one or the other.**

"... there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. Their future is eternal destruction. Their God is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and all they think about is this life here on earth. But we are citizens of heaven where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior." Philippians 3:18-20 (NLT)

**2. JESUS OFFERS \_\_\_\_\_ BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_.**

"... since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us." Romans 5:1 (NLT)

**3. JESUS OFFERS \_\_\_\_\_ OVER \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_.**

"... when our perishable earthly bodies have been transformed into heavenly bodies that will never die – then at last the scriptures will come true: death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting! For sin is the sting that results in death ... How we thank God who gives us victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ our Lord!" 1 Corinthians 15:54-56 (NLT)

**MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...**

- Grapple with the question, "Is Jesus my King?"
- If I am not a Christian, discover what it means to accept Jesus as my King.
  - Check box on back of Communication Card.
- If I desire to accept Jesus as my King, I'm ready to be baptized.
  - Check box on back of Communication Card to be baptized at our Baptism Celebration on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Read carefully the bulletin insert regarding how you can help others experience Jesus this Easter.
- Invite an unchurched friend to GNG this Easter.
  - Pick-up invite cards from our Greeters